

b.) Remarks

At page 3 of the Notice of Allowability, paragraph numbered 5, the Examiner noted

that one of skill in the art would not have expected to find an initial adhesion value of 115 lbs AND a post pressure cooker adhesion of less than 83 lbs when curing a silica die as defined by the instant claim 48.

Of course, as the Examiner understands, the *silica die* is not cured, but more to the point, allowed claim 48 does not require a “post pressure cooker adhesion of less than 83 lbs.”, such recitation having been deleted in the February 4, 2004 amendment. However, solely in order to afford Applicants with the best possible claim scope, dependent claim 62 is presented alone in conformity with the Examiner’s thoughts.


Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

Claims 48, 50, 51, 54-57 and 59-62 remain presented for continued prosecution.

Any claim fees required, in connected with this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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